

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend Claims 17 and 21 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A bowling accessory, comprising:

a mechanism for retaining the accessory to a bowler's finger;

a pad having one or more projections for contacting a bowling ball, said pad associated with said retaining mechanism, and said pad having an arcuate surface, said projections having desired configuration such that tips of said projections define a curve which has a curvature substantially like a curvature of the bowling ball, and when force is exerted by the bowler on the ball[,], the projections flatten providing a larger surface to grip the ball enabling the bowler to better initiate rotation as the bowling ball is released.

18. (Previously Presented) The bowling accessory according to Claim 17, wherein said plurality of projections are in a desired pattern.

19. (Previously Presented) The bowling accessory according to Claim 17, wherein said arcuate surface has a radius which is complementary to a radius of a bowling ball.

20. (Previously Presented) The bowling accessory according to Claim 17, wherein said arcuate surface is concave.

21. (Currently Amended) A bowling finger grip, comprising:
- a tubular member having a bore for receiving the finger of a bowler;
- a gripping surface on said tubular member, a plurality of gripping members on said gripping surface for contacting a bowling ball, said gripping surface being curved, said gripping members comprising projections having desired configuration such that tips of said projections define a curve which has a curvature substantially like a curvature of the bowling ball, and when force is exerted by the bowler on the ball[[,]] the gripping members flatten providing a larger surface to grip the ball enabling the bowler to better initiate rotation as the bowling ball is released.
22. (Previously Presented) The bowling finger grip according to Claim 21, wherein said gripping members have a convex face for contacting the bowling ball.
23. (Previously Presented) The bowling finger grip according to Claim 21, wherein said bore is tapered at one end for enhancing fit with a bowler's finger tip.
24. (Previously Presented) The bowling finger grip according to Claim 21, wherein said curve of said gripping surface has a curvature substantially the same as the bowling ball curvature.
25. (Previously Presented) The bowling finger grip according to Claim 21, wherein said gripping surface includes a plurality of projecting members positioned in a desired pattern on said gripping surface.

26. (Previously Presented) The bowling finger grip according to Claim 25, wherein said projecting members are aligned with one another.

27. (Previously Presented) The bowling finger grip according to Claim 21, wherein said tubular member has a D-shaped section viewed along a longitudinal axis.

28. (Previously Presented) The bowling finger grip according to Claim 27, wherein said bore is elliptical viewed along a longitudinal axis.